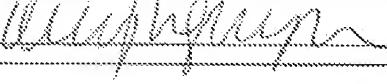


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 03, 2006, for which a response is due June 03, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 4-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 03, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Claims 1-41 were presented for examination at filing. A Requirement for Restriction was issued, setting out two groups of claims. In response, Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 39-41), without traverse.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that, in light of the election presented herein, claims 39-41 are presently under consideration. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application. Applicants respectfully request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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